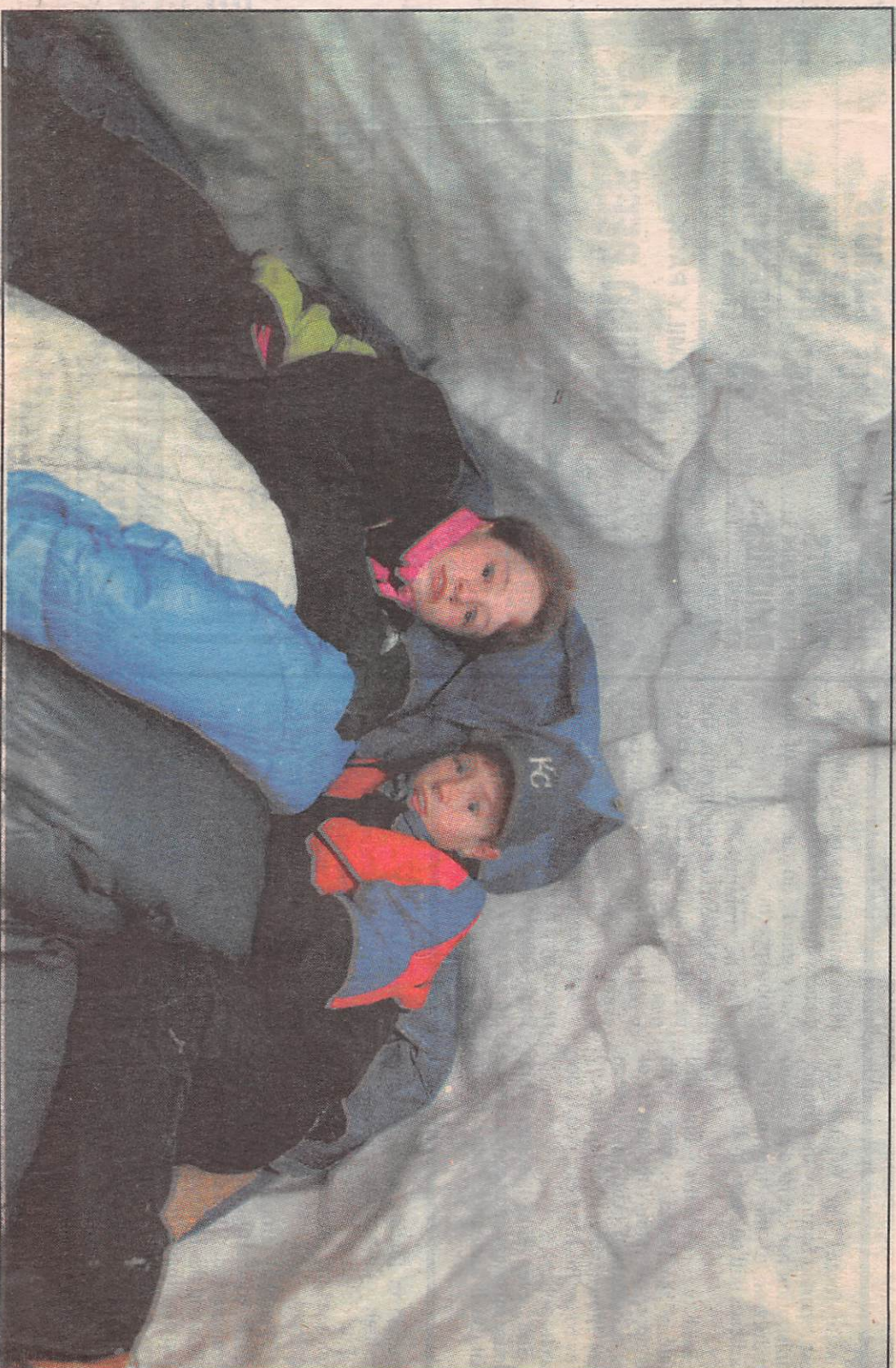


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## Scout's honor



Tim Law and Brian Carter, of Troop 797, weekend's Klondike Derby at Aspen Grove in Provo Canyon. Their accommodations were part of an eight-room snow dwelling which took seven days to build.

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## Skiing child-style

Start 'em young; it's all downhill from there

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**SUNDANCE** — This school is unlike any other children attend.

Its an asserted effort to get more children into skiing, to perpetuate the industry. Industry officials agree skiers' average age has gradually risen, while the number of participants have flattened out.

An article in *Ski* magazine's January issue, reported that skiers are getting older and an infusion of new, younger skiers is needed in the industry.

For that reason, ski schools are making an attempt to prepare more skier at a young age to enjoy the sport.

Sundance Ski school director Scott Nyman said the ski school at Sundance is more than just a day care where par-

ents drop children off and go skiing.

Based on the principles of fun, safety and learning, the Sundance Ski School gets children excited about skiing.

Nyman, a year-round Sundance resident, said the initial premonition was to not call it a ski school, since many children turn off at the mere mention of school. Once they get involved in the program, the fact that it's school dissolves.

The program is designed for children ages 3 to 12. The age groups are divided so that same-aged and same-ability skiers are in the same groups.

There are 54 ski instructors used in the teaching. The largest number of lessons being taught on the weekends. Nyman said there were as many as 20,000 students taught to ski last year alone on Sundance's slopes.

"We have a good variety of terrain — groomed terrain — a good selection of excellent beginner terrain," he said.

School begins with an indoor pre-ski session which includes games and activities aimed at education and safety.

"Getting the kids on skis, and having them work with them indoors, puts them in the right perspective," Nyman said. "We're not here just to educate them, but we're here to teach them to ski."

The orientation also gives instructors a chance to cure any fears the children may have. Nyman said skiing is one of the safest winter-time sports.

"Skiing has a dangerous reputation, but its reputation is much worse that it deserves," he said. "One of the safest places on the mountain is in the ski school."



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The hardest part about learning to ski is getting on and off the lift. Here a lift operator helps ski school teacher Noelle Olpin load her two students safely on board Sundance's Navajo lift.